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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE  
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to  
extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2006 for  
one (1) month(s) from June 13, 2006 to July 13, 2006. An Amendment  
responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently  
herewith.

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